

Valley. The annual celebration has brought our community together year after year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate senior pastor Dudley Rutherford on this special occasion. Under the leadership of Pastor Rutherford, who is also celebrating his 25th Anniversary, the Church has seen its congregation and community outreach efforts continue to expand. Pastor Rutherford spearheaded the development of four self-sufficient satellite campuses within Los Angeles County, the opening of the Church's Family Life Center, and he helped to organize the "Miracle in the Making" Campaign to raise funds for a new church building. Known nationally for his dynamic leadership and communication skills, Pastor Rutherford served as president of the 2011 North American Christian Convention, and was the featured Chapel Speaker at the World Series.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Shepherd of the Hills Church on its 100th Anniversary, and to Pastor Dudley Rutherford for his commitment, dedication and vision in helping this praiseworthy congregation carry out its mission of fellowship and community service throughout the San Fernando Valley.

OPPOSITION TO H. RES. 813: EXPRESSING VIGOROUS SUPPORT AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE WELFARE, SECURITY, AND SURVIVAL OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AS A JEWISH AND DEMOCRATIC STATE WITH SECURE BORDERS, AND RECOGNIZING AND STRONGLY SUPPORTING ITS RIGHT TO ACT IN SELF-DEFENSE TO PROTECT ITS CITIZENS AGAINST ACTS OF TERRORISM

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H. Res. 813, an unfortunately and unnecessarily one-sided resolution that was brought up on Friday, November 16, for consideration without any advance notice to Members of Congress and which was completed in about a minute without any discussion. The hasty nature in which this resolution of such significance was considered undermines the unspoken, but operationally essential understanding, that bills of great importance will not be quietly tiptoed through Congress. A loss of Members' confidence in Leadership results when House floor procedures are conducted in a manner frustrating to good faith. Such conduct can only add to the hyper-partisanship and the breakdown of comity in Congress that Americans find objectionable.

Members must be given the opportunity to debate U.S. support of a military operation that is likely to be of significant consequence in talks between Israel and the Palestinians. This impacts the region and the world.

Only one minute for consideration of a most consequential resolution in the House, when in the past week, the death toll in Gaza has climbed past 100, including 24 children. Over 800 people are reported to have been wounded. Rockets from groups in Gaza have landed

in several Israeli towns. Three Israelis have been killed.

This latest military escalation began after Israel assassinated Ahmed Al-Jabari, the head of Hamas' military wing. According to Israeli negotiator Gershon Baskin, who secured the release of Gilad Shalit, Mr. Jabari "wasn't just interested in a long-term cease-fire; he was also the person responsible for enforcing previous cease-fire understandings. . . . On the morning that he was killed, Mr. Jabari received a draft proposal for an extended cease-fire with Israel, including mechanisms that would verify intentions and ensure compliance." Could anything be more destructive of peace than the assassination of a principal to ceasefire negotiations? And the House only has one minute to consider the ramifications of such action?

The root of this latest flare up in hostilities is deep. Negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians on a two-state solution have been virtually non-existent. Innocent people in Gaza continue to suffer under a blockade that has deprived them of everything from food and clean water to educational opportunities. Illegal settlements continue to be built in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, further diminishing prospects for a negotiated two-state solution.

The hastily written, and even more hastily passed resolution, fails to mention any of that. In its deficiencies are writ the failures of our own Middle East policies. This latest outbreak in violence is deplorable and I am strongly supportive of Egyptian efforts to negotiate a ceasefire. Innocent people on both sides deserve to live without fear. Can the House Leadership spare a minute for that point to be made?

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MABEL KITTRELL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Mrs. Mabel Kittrell who was born in Portsmouth, Virginia on July 18, 1912, and is 100 years young!

Mrs. Kittrell does not have biological children but she helped raise her nephew Kevin Jackson. Mrs. Kittrell was employed as a clerk and nurse's aide among several of the many jobs she has worked during her life.

Mrs. Kittrell became a member of the Zion Baptist Church in Brooklyn New York in 1978. She was the treasurer of the Virginia Club, which is now known as the Southern States Ministry. Mrs. Kittrell supports many of the church's ministries.

Mrs. Kittrell has a number of friends and especially appreciates her two home attendants, Mrs. Jean Moore and Mrs. Annie Everett. Mrs. Kittrell claims to not know the secret to her longevity but acknowledges herself as one of God's creations. Earlier this year Mrs. Kittrell received a certificate of recognition for her 100th birthday from Senior Citizens Ministry of Zion Baptist Church and a card from President Barack Obama congratulating her on her 100th birthday.

Mr. Speaker, she also received a Proclamation from Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mrs. Mabel Kittrell.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CARDIOLOGY ASSOCIATES OF ALBANY, GEORGIA

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the members and supporters of the Cardiology Associates of Albany, Georgia as they commemorate their 30th anniversary this year. A celebration event will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2012 at noon in the main lobby of Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Georgia.

Thirty years ago, a young Cardiology Resident at Emory Medical School in Atlanta, Georgia was recruited to Albany, Georgia by several local physicians seeking to provide advanced Cardiology Services to Southwest Georgia. Dr. Jeffrey Hoopes accepted the challenge and set out to form Cardiology Associates in 1982.

From one physician's vision and commitment, Cardiology Associates has grown into a network of world-class heart and vascular services. Cardiology Associates teamed with Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, itself a healthcare leader providing breakthrough technology and innovation to the communities it serves for 100 years. Together they bring the finest Cardiology talent and technology to the citizens of Southwest Georgia.

Dr. Hoopes performed the region's first Cardiac Catheterization, a new and revolutionary diagnostic procedure at the time, at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital thirty years ago. Today, more than 50,000 life-saving cardiac catheterization procedures have been performed by Cardiology Associates. Many other Cardiology firsts for the region have followed.

Building on that original foundation, Cardiology Associates through the Phoebe Heart and Vascular Center now provides patients and families facing heart disease access to services at one of the largest and most advanced heart centers in Georgia.

These accomplishments, along with a dedication and commitment to the citizens of Southwest Georgia, have been rendered with compassion and professionalism.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding the exceptional efforts of the Cardiology Associates at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Georgia for thirty years of healthcare excellence to the residents of Southwest Georgia.

RECOGNIZING MR. RALPH SPEZIO OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, FOR HIS DEDICATION TO ERADICATING CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my esteemed honor to recognize Mr. Ralph Spezio